

Project Mice

24 October 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL CAGELL

1. With regard to your request for a sentence to be incorporated in a certain project which would insure that the Comptroller's normal function is performed and at the same time give due consideration to the extreme sensitivity of the project, there are three ways in which this can be done:

a. In large projects where the amount of money involved and the activity of the account warrants, we place a Finance man, or unit, in the project who, as the Comptroller's representative, certifies the activity of the project. The Comptroller credits the account, based on this certification, just as he would if the account were reviewed by a Certifying Officer actually sitting in the Finance Division. (Examples: PBSUCCESS and AQUATONE. This was not done in [REDACTED] we think that 25X1A2G it should have been.)

b. The substantive file reflecting the detail of expenditures involved in a project can be maintained in the headquarters component but made available to the Chief, Finance Division or his single designee for review.

c. Accountings for expenditures under a project can be submitted to the Chief, Finance Division for review and certification either by the Chief, Finance Division personally or by a single subordinate official designated by him, and the accountings and supporting documentation maintained in a file available only to these two individuals. (It is highly desirable that in either b. or c. the Chief, Finance Division be permitted to have a single designee rather than conduct this review personally inasmuch as any volume of such projects would take all of his time and leave none for him to direct the regular affairs of a sizeable and important Division.)

2. Insofar as this particular project is concerned, three alternate wordings follow in the order of my preference:

a. Accountings for expenditures under this project will be submitted to the Chief, Finance Division for review and certification /by him

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or a single subordinate official designated by him./ The accountings and supporting documentation thereto will be maintained in a file available only to the Chief, Finance Division /and his single designee./

b. Accountings for expenditures under this project will be submitted to the Chief, Finance Division for review and certification. The accountings and supporting documentation thereto will be maintained in a file available only to the Chief, Finance Division.

c. A single substantive file reflecting the detail of expenditures involved in Project _____ will be maintained in headquarters by the _____ Division and will be available for review by the Chief, Finance Division or his single designee.

/s/

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